

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE UNITED STATES EXPE-
DITION BY PROF. HARKNESS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—On Saturday evening Prof. William Harkness gave an account of the United States Transit of Venus Expedition before the Philosophical Society of this city. His address embraces a complete history of the organization and operations of the parties which went to the Southern Hemisphere in the Swatara, beginning with the preparation of the outfit at the Naval Observatory here, and including the leading incidents at every port visited. The address was illustrated by photographs taken at the places visited, which were projected on a screen by a powerful calcium light, forming, in fact, a very perfect panorama of the travels of the expedition. The subject will be concluded at the next meeting of the society. Prof. Harkness, in addition to his attainments in science, is an interesting writer and speaker, and his history of the expedition was exceedingly graphic and entertaining.